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MONITORING IN BACILLUS SPECIES

<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Introductory Comments

This is submitted in response to the Office Action dated 8.25.2005

This response is submitted outside the three month shortened statutory period for response and a petition for a 2 month extension of time is filed herewith.

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and submit the following in support thereof.